



Rushing into the new millenium, Passing legislation for the American Taxpayer, and Maintaining the best Defense in the World...

THEME TEAMIER

Jack Kingston, Chairman

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Question from John Q. Voting Public

What is your agenda?

Wrong answer: Uh...less government...I guess.

Right Answer: **The GOP has the BEST agenda!**

B - Bolstering national security

E - Education excellence

S - Strengthening Social Security and Medicare

T - Tax relief for working families

Republicans have the BEST agenda.

In honor of women's history month, the following are some of the "firsts" achieved by women:

- First Speaker of a State House of Representatives – Minnie D. Craig, 1933. Minnie served as Speaker of the North Dakota state legislature.
- First woman elected to Congress – Jeanette Rankin. In 1916,
Jeanette was elected to the House of Representatives as a Republican from Montana.
- First woman to be elected and serve in both **Houses of Congress - Margaret Chase Smith, 1948. A Republican from Maine.** Smith won the special election to her House seat in 1940, after the death of her husband. She won re-election to three more terms, then won her Senate seat in 1948.

2000 - ONE MINUTE SCOREBOARD

GOP: 105

DEMS: 95

Y2K One Minute MVP's

1. Jim Gibbons	13
2. Joe Pitts	13
3. Roscoe Bartlett	7
4. Cass Ballenger	6
5. Jack Kingston	5
6. Steve Chabot	4
7. Jerry Weller	4
8. Helen Chenoweth-Hage	3
9. Deborah Pryce	3
10. Dave Weldon	2
11. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	2
12. Nick Smith	2
13. Cliff Stearns	2
14. Frank Wolf	2
15. Lee Terry	2
16. David Dreier	1
17. Jennifer Dunn	1
18. Mark Foley	1
19. J.D. Hayworth	1
20. Asa Hutchinson	1
21. Joe Knollenberg	1
22. Michael Oxley	1
23. Jim Ramstad	1
24. Jim Ryun	1
25. Bob Schaffer	1
26. Ken Calvert	1

Add Some Fire to the Fuel

The U.S. relies heavily on oil imports because the burdensome energy policy of the Clinton/Gore Administration is shutting down domestic oil production:

**36 refineries have closed since 1992
and there have been no new refineries
since 1976.**

THIS WEEK'S MEETING:

Bob Dole

Political Genius and Great American

Thursday, March 23th

H-236 in the Capitol

9:30 AM

Sparing Oil Prices

- The U.S. is experiencing the lowest production of domestic oil since before World War II and importing more than ever, yet the Clinton-Gore administration has done nothing to increase domestic crude oil production.

- Although our nation as a whole depends on coal for 55 percent of its electricity needs, the cleanest coal in the lower 48 states was locked-up by the administration's Utah Monument designation.

- The Clinton-Gore administration does not consider hydropower renewable. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt stated he wants to be the "first secretary to tear down dams." Administration policies in the Pacific Northwest have reduced clean hydro-generation. Electricity from hydro provides about 10 to 12 percent of U.S. needs.



SOURCE: Bloomberg Financial Markets

"Americans should not want them [oil prices] to drop to \$12 or \$10 a barrel again, because that takes our mind off our business, which should be alternative fuels, energy conservation, reducing the impact of all this on global warming."

- Bill Clinton, 3/7/00 (Federal Document Clearinghouse Transcript)

"Almost every poll shows Americans decisively rejecting higher taxes on fossil fuels, even though that proposal is one of the logical first steps in changing our policies in a manner consistent with a more responsible approach to the environment."

- Vice President Al Gore, *Earth in the Balance*, pg. 173

POPEYE'S WIMPY MUST HAVE BEEN A DEMOCRAT

"I will gladly pay you next century for a budget increase today"

"Our children shouldn't have to pay tomorrow for the money we spend today. This budget makes sure they won't have to by paying down debt and protecting Social Security. This budget increases funding for important priorities like defense and education. It provides common sense tax relief for married couples and working seniors hit by the unfair marriage penalty and the Social Security earnings limit. Our priorities are improving defense and education, protecting Social Security and paying down the national debt. This budget puts our money where our priorities are."

- JC Watts, March 15

And What If the Criminals Had to Actually Worry About Being Convicted?

"The most important statistic is that gun crime in the country is down 35 percent."

- White House Domestic Policy Adviser Bruce Reed

THE ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER —YEAR 2000—

THE CLASSIC VERSION

The ant works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The grasshopper thinks he's a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away. Come winter, the ant is warm and well fed. The grasshopper has no food or shelter so he dies out in the cold.

THE MODERN VERSION

The ant works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The grasshopper thinks he's a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away. Come winter, the shivering grasshopper calls a press conference and demands to know why the ant should be allowed to be warm and well fed while others are cold and starving.

CBS, CNN, NBC and ABC show up to provide pictures of the shivering grasshopper next to video of the ant in his comfortable home with a table filled with food. America and the world is stunned by the sharp contrast. How can it be that, in a country of such wealth, this poor grasshopper is allowed to suffer so?